

A 3D perspective view of a grid of cubes. Most cubes are grey, but one cube in the upper-left quadrant is gold. A yellow banner with rounded corners is positioned horizontally across the middle of the image.

Information Theory

Book III

Spin state of an electron (disregard position and momentum) is an example of a qubit, which is a vector $|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} : \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$.

Standard basis of \mathbb{C}^2 : $|+\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $|-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
 "spin up" "spin down"

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \alpha|+\rangle + \beta|-\rangle, \quad |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1.$$

An electron in this spin state is in a superposition of spin up and spin down states

A linear functional on \mathbb{C}^2 is a linear transformation

$$\langle\phi| : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

bra notation

$$\langle\phi| = (r \ s) : \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \mapsto (r \ s) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = r\alpha + s\beta \in \mathbb{C}$$

Dual basis:

$$\langle+| = |+\rangle^* = (1 \ 0) \quad \langle\phi|\psi\rangle$$

$$\langle-| = |-\rangle^* = (0 \ 1)$$

$$|\psi\rangle^* = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}^* = (\bar{\alpha} \ \bar{\beta}) = \bar{\alpha}\langle+| + \bar{\beta}\langle-|$$

$$\langle+|\psi\rangle = \langle+|(\alpha|+\rangle + \beta|-\rangle) = \alpha$$

$$\langle-|\psi\rangle = \beta$$

Spin states are unit vectors in \mathbb{C}^2 i.e. $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$, $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$.

i.e. in \mathbb{R}^4

so $|\psi\rangle \in S^3 =$ unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^4 .

$$\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2 + \beta_1^2 + \beta_2^2 = 1$$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 i \\ \beta = \beta_1 + \beta_2 i \end{cases} \} \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

A measurement of an electron in this spin state yields a single bit of classical information:

- spin up, with probability $|\alpha|^2$;
- spin down, with probability $|\beta|^2$.

This says what happens when we measure with respect to the z-axis. (For measurement in a different direction/axis, we'll say later.)

As soon as the measurement is taken, the spin state collapses; all knowledge of α, β is then lost.

Any time we measure a spin state $|\psi\rangle \in S^3$, it collapses.

But it is possible to perform certain reversible operations $|\psi\rangle \mapsto A|\psi\rangle$ where A is a 2×2 unitary matrix ($AA^* = A^*A = I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$) over \mathbb{C} .

Special examples of unitary matrices are scalar matrices $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $|\lambda| = 1$

These perform an operation on $|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$ whose only effect is to alter the phase of α, β

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \mapsto A|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda\alpha \\ \lambda\beta \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = e^{i\theta} \quad (\theta \in [0, 2\pi))$$

which has no physical significance. For this reason the so-called density matrix

$$\underbrace{|\psi\rangle}_{2 \times 1} \underbrace{\langle\psi|}_{1 \times 2} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\alpha} & \bar{\beta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha\bar{\alpha} & \alpha\bar{\beta} \\ \beta\bar{\alpha} & \beta\bar{\beta} \end{pmatrix}$$

2×2

Hermitian 2×2 matrix

$$H \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2} \quad (2 \times 2 \text{ complex matrix})$$

$$\text{satisfying } H^\dagger = H$$

which holds all the physically significant information of the single qubit.

The map $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \lambda\alpha \\ \lambda\beta \end{pmatrix}$ does not change this density matrix.

Entanglement typically occurs when we include multiple electrons in our system.

Start by reviewing statistical dependence works:

Let's say we take a random individual A from a population.

Imagine the population is 40% male, 60% female; 30% short, 70% tall.

Sampling by selecting one person gives two bits: MS, MT, FS, or FT.

Combinations of attributes:

12%, 28%, 18%, 42% if gender is independent of height.

In this example, gender and height are independent.

		S	T	
Gender	M	0.12	0.28	0.4
	F	0.18	0.42	0.6
		0.3	0.7	1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.4 \\ 0.6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.12 & 0.28 \\ 0.18 & 0.42 \end{bmatrix}$$

Outer product of two vectors is a rank 1.

More typical distribution

		S	T	
Gender	M	0.1	0.3	0.4
	F	0.2	0.4	0.6
		0.3	0.7	1

The matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$ has rank 2.

In this second example gender and height are (statistically) dependent.

If one electron has (spin) state $|\psi_1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^2$ and a second electron has spin state $|\psi_2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ \delta \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^2$
 $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$ $|\gamma|^2 + |\delta|^2 = 1$

the pair of electrons has state $|\psi_n\rangle = \alpha_n |++\rangle + \alpha_{n1} |+-\rangle + \alpha_{n2} |-+\rangle + \alpha_{n3} |--\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^4$

If the two electrons are not entangled then

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{n1} & \alpha_{n2} \\ \alpha_{n3} & \alpha_{n4} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{rank 1.}$$

$$\alpha_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}, \quad |\alpha_{11}|^2 + |\alpha_{12}|^2 + |\alpha_{21}|^2 + |\alpha_{22}|^2 = 1.$$

↑
prob. of
both electrons
having spin up

If the matrix has rank ≥ 2 then the two electrons are entangled.

Ex. $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|++\rangle + |--\rangle)$ i.e. $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ } Examples of EPR pairs
 $|\psi'\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+-\rangle + |-+\rangle)$ i.e. $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

One way to talk about the spin state of a set of n electrons is

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} \alpha_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} |\pm \pm \dots \pm\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^{2^n} \quad \sum |\alpha_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}|^2 = 1$$

$i_1 \in \{0, 1\}$
 $i_2 \in \{0, 1\}$
 \vdots
 $i_n \in \{0, 1\}$

all 2^n combinations of \pm

$(\alpha_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} : i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n \in \{0, 1\})$ is a
 $\underbrace{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times \dots \times 2}_n$ array or tensor

$\mathbb{C}^2 = \underbrace{\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{C}^2}_{n \text{ times}}$ tensor product. Take basis $|+\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $|-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

has basis $|++\dots+\rangle = |+\rangle \otimes |+\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |+\rangle$
 $|++\dots+\rangle = |+\rangle \otimes |+\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |+\rangle$
 \vdots
 $|-\dots-\rangle = |-\rangle \otimes |-\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |-\rangle$

In $\mathbb{C}^m \otimes \mathbb{C}^n \cong \mathbb{C}^{mn}$
 every vector is a
 sum of at most
 $\min\{m, n\}$ pure tensors.

More generally if $v_i \in \mathbb{C}^2$ ($i=1, 2, \dots, n$)

then $v_1 \otimes v_2 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n \in \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$. (pure tensors)
 $\mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{C}^2 \times \dots \times \mathbb{C}^2$ $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 = \mathbb{C}^{2^n}$ simple

$(v_1, \dots, v_n) \mapsto v_1 \otimes v_2 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n$ this map is multilinear
 i.e. linear in each argument separately.

The corresponding result
 for $\mathbb{C}^{m_1} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{m_2} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{C}^{m_k}$
 is not known and
 extremely hard.

(In Algebraic Geometry
 look up Higher Secant
 varieties of
 Segre Varieties)

- Bell's Theorem
- Gleason's Theorem
- Kochen-Specker Theorem

Recall: the spin state of a single electron is a qubit $|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^2$, $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$.

Standard basis $|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

How do we measure the spin in an arbitrary direction?
 spin up/down with respect to the z-axis

In the vertical direction we make use of basis $|+\frac{z}{2}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $|-\frac{z}{2}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ basis of eigenvectors for the Pauli spin operator $\sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\sigma_z |+\frac{z}{2}\rangle = |+\frac{z}{2}\rangle$$

$$\sigma_z |-\frac{z}{2}\rangle = -|-\frac{z}{2}\rangle$$

Any electron with spin state $|\psi\rangle = \alpha |+\frac{z}{2}\rangle + \beta |-\frac{z}{2}\rangle$ can be measured in the vertical direction

$$\sigma_z |\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

Follow this by a linear functional eg. $|+\frac{z}{2}\rangle^* = \langle +\frac{z}{2} |$

$$\langle +\frac{z}{2} | \sigma_z | \psi \rangle = (1 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = (1 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\beta \end{pmatrix} = \alpha$$
, the amplitude for the electron to be spin up.

Once the measurement is performed, the state collapses into that spin state $|\psi\rangle \mapsto |+\frac{z}{2}\rangle$.

$$\langle +\frac{z}{2} | \underbrace{\sigma_z | +\frac{z}{2} \rangle}_{|+\frac{z}{2}\rangle} = 1.$$

If we measure $|\psi\rangle \mapsto \langle +\frac{z}{2} | \sigma_z | \psi \rangle$ and find spin down, the state collapses to spin down $|-\frac{z}{2}\rangle$

$$\langle +\frac{z}{2} | \sigma_z | \psi \rangle = -\beta, \quad |-\beta|^2 = |\beta|^2$$

$$\sigma_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hermitian: $\sigma^* = \sigma$

Eigenvectors: $|+\rangle_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $|-\rangle_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$|+\rangle_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$, $|-\rangle_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$

$|+\rangle_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $|-\rangle_z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

eigenvalues $+1, -1$

eg. $\sigma_y \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} = |+\rangle_y$

$\sigma_y \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix} = -|-\rangle_y$

If we measure an electron having spin $|+\rangle_y$ (in the pos. y-direction) with respect to the x-axis

$\langle +\rangle_x |+\rangle_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1 \ 1) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1+i \\ 1+i \end{pmatrix}$ $|\frac{1+i}{2}|^2 = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$ $|a+bi|^2 = a^2+b^2$

Density matrix of $|\psi\rangle$ is $|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|^* = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} (\bar{\alpha} \ \bar{\beta}) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha\bar{\alpha} & \alpha\bar{\beta} \\ \bar{\alpha}\beta & \beta\bar{\beta} \end{pmatrix}$ $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$

is Hermitian having eigenvalues $1, 0$; corresponding eigenvectors $|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$, $|\psi^\perp\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\beta} \\ -\bar{\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$

$|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| |\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle$ since $\langle\psi|\psi\rangle = 1$

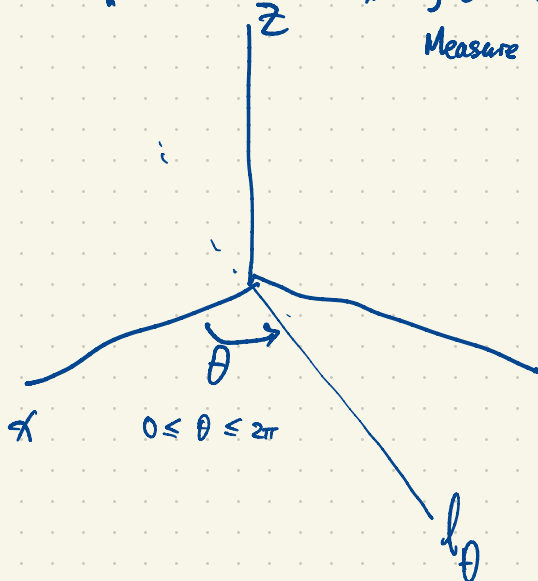
$\langle\psi^\perp|\psi\rangle = (\beta - \alpha) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \alpha\beta - \alpha\beta = 0$

$|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| |\psi^\perp\rangle = 0 = 0|\psi^\perp\rangle$

$\langle\psi^\perp|\psi^\perp\rangle = 1 = \langle\psi|\psi\rangle$
 for $AB = BA$.

What is the corresponding Pauli spin operator in an arbitrary direction $n = (n_x, n_y, n_z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$
 $n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2 = 1$.

$$\sigma_n = n \cdot \sigma = n_x \sigma_x + n_y \sigma_y + n_z \sigma_z$$



Measure spin wrt line l_0 in x-y plane at angle θ as shown.

$$\sigma = (\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z)$$

$$n = (\cos\theta, \sin\theta, 0)$$

σ_θ : Pauli spin operator for the direction n

$$\sigma_\theta = n \cdot (\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z) = \cos\theta \sigma_x + \sin\theta \sigma_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cos\theta - i\sin\theta \\ \cos\theta + i\sin\theta & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & e^{-i\theta} \\ e^{i\theta} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

using de Moivre's formula $e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$

Eigen vectors $|+\theta\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\theta/2} \\ e^{i\theta/2} \end{bmatrix}$

$$|-\theta\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\theta/2} \\ -e^{i\theta/2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Check: $\sigma_\theta |+\theta\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & e^{-i\theta} \\ e^{i\theta} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\theta/2} \\ e^{i\theta/2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\theta/2} \\ e^{i\theta/2} \end{bmatrix} = |+\theta\rangle$ eigenvector with eigenvalue $+1$

$$\sigma_\theta |-\theta\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & e^{-i\theta} \\ e^{i\theta} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\theta/2} \\ -e^{i\theta/2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-i\theta/2} \\ e^{i\theta/2} \end{bmatrix} = -|-\theta\rangle$$

The map $l_\theta \mapsto \begin{cases} |+\theta\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\theta/2} \\ e^{i\theta/2} \end{bmatrix} \\ |-\theta\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\theta/2} \\ -e^{i\theta/2} \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$

is 2-to-1.

Spin vectors go around "full circle" in \mathbb{C}^2 as θ goes from 0 to 4π ; the "+" direction of l_θ goes twice around a circle in this same θ -interval.

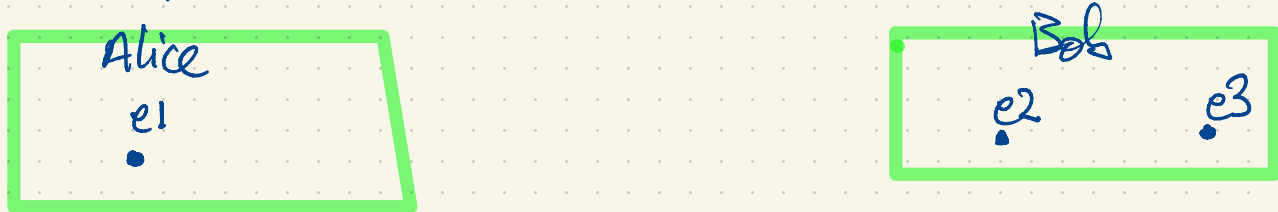
If we measure an electron in spin state

$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|+\theta\rangle + \beta|-\theta\rangle$ with respect to the direction l_θ , we get $|+\theta\rangle$ with prob. $|\alpha|^2$, spin $|-\theta\rangle$ with prob. $|\beta|^2$.

Spin states actually lie in $S^3 =$ unit vector in \mathbb{C}^2 which is a double cover of
of $SO_3(\mathbb{R}) = \{ \text{rotations of } \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ about the origin} \} = \{ 3 \times 3 \text{ real matrices } A : AA^T = I, \det A = 1 \}$.

Bob has an electron in spin state $|\psi\rangle = \alpha|+\rangle + \beta|-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^2$, $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$.
He wants to send this to Alice. Bob doesn't know α, β and he cannot directly measure them.

Analogy: transporting Captain Kirk from enterprise to planet's surface.
In advance of this teleportation process, Alice and Bob have stockpiled some EPR pairs



Electrons $e1, e2$ are entangled: their joint spin state $|\psi_{12}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|++\rangle + |--\rangle)$

Electron $e3$ is in state $|\psi_3\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \alpha|+\rangle + \beta|-\rangle$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$, $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$.
 $e3$ is not (currently) entangled with $e1, e2$.

The combined state of $e1, e2, e3$ is

$$|\psi_{123}\rangle = |\psi_{12}\rangle \otimes |\psi_3\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|++\rangle + |--\rangle) \otimes (\alpha|+\rangle + \beta|-\rangle) \\ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\alpha|+++ \rangle + \beta|++-\rangle + \alpha|+-- \rangle + \beta|+-- \rangle)$$

$$\in \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 = \mathbb{C}^8$$

$$|\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}}|^2 + |\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}|^2 + |\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}}|^2 + |\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}|^2 = 1.$$

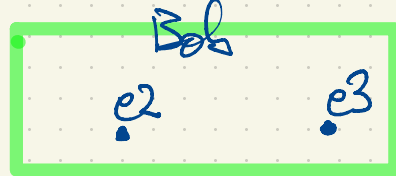
$$\begin{aligned} |++\rangle &= |+\rangle \otimes |+\rangle \\ |--\rangle &= |-\rangle \otimes |-\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$e1$ $e2$

$$|+\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^2$$

$$|-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^2$$

Spin of the pair $e1, e2$ lives in $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 = \mathbb{C}^4$ which has orthonormal basis $|++\rangle, |+-\rangle, |-+\rangle, |--\rangle$



$$|\psi_{123}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\alpha|++\rangle + \beta|+-\rangle + \alpha|-+\rangle + \beta|--\rangle)$$

Bob performs a reversible (unitary) transformation with respect to e_2, e_3 defined by

$$\begin{aligned} |++\rangle &\mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|++\rangle + |--\rangle) \\ |--\rangle &\mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|++\rangle - |--\rangle) \\ |+-\rangle &\mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+-\rangle + |-+\rangle) \\ |-+\rangle &\mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+-\rangle - |-+\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

This transforms $|\psi_{123}\rangle$ to

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_{123}\rangle &\mapsto \frac{1}{2} \left[(\alpha|++\rangle + \alpha|+-\rangle) + (\beta|+-\rangle + \beta|++\rangle) + (\alpha|+-\rangle - \alpha|--\rangle) + (\beta|+-\rangle - \beta|--\rangle) \right] \\ &= (\alpha|+\rangle + \beta|-\rangle) \otimes \frac{1}{2}|++\rangle + (\alpha|+\rangle - \beta|-\rangle) \otimes \frac{1}{2}|--\rangle + (\beta|+\rangle + \alpha|-\rangle) \otimes \frac{1}{2}|+-\rangle + (\beta|+\rangle - \alpha|-\rangle) \otimes \frac{1}{2}|-+\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Now Bob measures e_2, e_3 with respect to the basis $|+\rangle, |-\rangle, |+\rangle, |-\rangle$ of $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 = \mathbb{C}^4$.
 e_2, e_3 collapse into one of these four states. At this moment we know e_1 is in one of the four states.
 Bob sends this classical information (2 classical bits) to Alice.
 Alice applies the appropriate unitary 2×2 matrix to e_1 which transforms e_1 into the correct state.

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} &= \alpha|+\rangle + \beta|-\rangle \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\beta \end{pmatrix} &= \alpha|+\rangle - \beta|-\rangle \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} &= \beta|+\rangle + \alpha|-\rangle \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ -\alpha \end{pmatrix} &= \beta|+\rangle - \alpha|-\rangle \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$